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1. IN MY OPINION CHOICE BETWEEN NIGERIA AND GHANA IS QUITE CLEAR: NIGERIA, YES; GHANA, NO.

2. NIGERIAN H.C. ADEFOPE ANB HIS DEPUTY, XAFOWORA, ARE BOTH SKILLED PROFESSIONALS. THOUGH NEITHER HAS BEEN HERE LONG, WE ENJOY EXCELLENT, FRIENDLY PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH BOTH. THEY COULD HANDLE THE JOB IF THEIR GOVERNMENT ASSENTED. THEY BOTH VIEW AMIN WITH A HEALTHY SCEITICISM, BUT TRY TO GET ALONG WITH HIM AND SEEM TO MANAGE.

3. GHANAIAAN H.C., BRIGADIER CRABBE, IS A MILITARY MAN WITH NO PRIOR DIPLOMATIC EXPERIENCE, AND HE DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE PICKED UP MUCH SINCE HE HAS BEEN HERE. HIS MAIN EFFORT HERE SEEMS TO BE TO BUTTER UP AMIN TO THE MAXIMUM (I REALIZE I SOUND PREJUDICED). I FEAR HE WOULD ALWAYS TRY TO KEEP ON GOOD TERMS WITH AMIN TO THE NEGLECT OF OUR INTERESTS. HIS NEW NUMBER TWO HAS JUST ARRIVED, HAVEN'T HAD MUCH CONTACT WITH HIM YET, BUT FIRST IMPRESSION IS THAT THERE ISN'T MUCH THERE. IN GENERAL GHANA ENJOYS BETTER RELATIONS WITH AMIN THAN DOES NIGERIA, BECAUSE OF GOWON'S SCEPTICISM RE GEN. AMIN WHICH HE HASN'T SUCCEDED VERY WELL IN HIDING.

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4. MORE DIFFICULT TO TELL HOW GENERAL AMIN WOULD REACT. MY GUESS IS THAT HE WOULD FIND IT HARD TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT EITHER NIGERIA OR GHANA AS OUR REPRESENTATIVE, BUT HE WOULD PROBABLY WONDER WHY ON EARTH THEY AGREED TO DO SO.

5. THREE OTHER MISSIONS THAT MIGHT BE GIVEN SOME CONSIDERATION IF NEITHER OF THE ABOVE PANS OUT WOULD BE: SUDAN, SAUDI ARABIA, ZAIRE. SUDAN CHANCERY IS IN SAME BUILDING AS OURS, AND WE HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED CLOSE RELATIONS WITH THAT MISSION, ESPECIALLY DURING TENURE OF AMB. ABDEL-GADIR, WHO HAS NOT YET BEEN REPLACED (NEW CHARGE JUST ARRIVED). REALIZE THERE MAY BE REASONS IN KHARTOUM WHY SUDAN WOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED DESIRABLE CHOICE. SAUDI AMBASSADOR HABABI IS A SKILLED PROFESSIONAL, GOOD FRIEND, SEEMS TO GET ON WELL WITH AMIN, IS VERY PRO-AMERICAN, AND THERE MIGHT BE ADVANTAGES TO HAVING AN ARAB STATE REPRESENT US HERE UNDER PRESENT CONDITIONS, IF THEY WERE WILLING TO DO SO. AMB. MUKAMBA OF ZAIRE IS ALSO ABLE, FRIENDLY, VERY PRO-AMERICAN, HAS BEEN HELPFUL TO US IN PAST. DISADVANTAGE IS HE HAS VERY LITTLE ENGLISH, THOUGH KINSHASA MIGHT BE WILLING TO ASSIGN AN ENGLISH-SPEAKING OFFICER HERE IF THEY AGREED TO LOOK AFTER OUR INTERESTS.

6. I HAVE EXAMINED QUESTION AS MUCH FROM POINT OF VIEW OF PERSONALITIES AND ATTITUDES OF THE VARIOUS CHIEFS OF MISSION AS FROM POINT OF VIEW OF THEIR HOME GOVERNMENTS, BECAUSE SITUATION IN KAMPALA IS SUCH THAT PERSONAL RELATIONS (WITH AMIN ESPECIALLY) AND PERSONAL ATTITUDES DETERMINE SO MUCH THAT AFFECTS DIPLOMATIC AND WORKING RELATIONS WITH GOU.
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